

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Approval of Purchase for  
Professional Development Materials

**ITEM NO:** 8C

**PREPARED BY:** Andrea Bengier, Assistant Superintendent  
Instruction and Technology

**MEETING:** May 25, 2004  
**ACTION DATE:** May 25, 2004

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Instructional Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the School Board approve the purchase of materials from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to support professional development through the Teaching American History Grant in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

### KEY POINTS:

- Colonial Williamsburg is a partner in the Teaching American History Grant Program, *Connection to the Past*, with Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties and the City of Fredericksburg. Grant participants will attend a 5-day field experience in Colonial Williamsburg this summer.
- As a follow-up to the field experience, *Connections to the Past* will purchase year-long Electronic Field Trip subscriptions and Hand-on History Kits for each elementary school in the three school divisions.
- Electronic Field Trips and Hands on History kits will allow project participants to transfer knowledge from theory into practice.
- The total amount will not exceed \$20,000. All necessary funds are provided by the federally funded Teaching American History grant. Stafford County Public Schools is the fiscal agent.
- Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is the sole source for the requested expenditures.

### FUNDING SOURCE:

Funds are provided by the federally financed Teaching American History Grant.

### SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

**Goal 6:** Introduce programs to enhance employee status, within the school division and the community at large, so that employees are aware of their value to school and community.

### AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: